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MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO SIX BANK ROBBERIES

KANSAS CITY, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that **John Sarver**, 47, Kansas City, Kansas, entered a guilty plea today before U.S. District Judge Kathryn H. Vratil to six counts of **bank robbery**.

Melgren said that Sarver admitted at his plea that on January 11, 2002, he robbed the Bank of America, State Line Road, Leawood, Kansas; on January 25, 2002, he robbed the Midwest Heritage Bank, State Line Road, Prairie Village, Kansas; on October 30, 2003, he robbed Capitol Federal Savings, West 75th Street, Prairie Village, Kansas; on November 6, 2003, he again robbed the Bank of America, State Line Road, Leawood, Kansas; on November 25, 2003, he robbed the Mission Bank, Shawnee Mission Parkway, Shawnee, Kansas; and on December 22, 2003, he robbed the U.S. Bank, West 119th Street, Olathe, Kansas. Sarver further admitted that during each bank robbery he handed the teller a note demanding money and left the bank with an undisclosed amount of cash. Sarver was arrested on January 2, 2004, and when officers searched his residence they found a “to-do” list with a reminder to “rob bank.”

Sarver faces a maximum of twenty years in federal prison, without parole, for each count of bank robbery. Sentencing is set for July 12, 2004, at 9:30 a.m.

Melgren commended the excellent work of the FBI, the Leawood Police Department, the Prairie Village Police Department, the Shawnee Police Department, the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department and the Olathe Police Department in this investigation and Assistant U.S. Attorney Leon Patton in this prosecution.